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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Mail Stop: ISSUE FEE**
Toshiyasu TANAKA et al. : **Confirmation No. 4880**
Serial No. 10/823,673 : [Group Art Unit 2872
Filed April 14, 2004 : Examiner Leonidas Boutsikaris]

DIFFRACTION ELEMENT, OPTICAL
HEAD DEVICE INCLUDING THE
DIFFRACTION ELEMENT, OPTICAL
INFORMATION APPARATUS INCLUDING
THE OPTICAL HEAD DEVICE, SYSTEM
INCLUDING THE OPTICAL INFORMATION
APPARATUS AND METHOD OF
DESIGNING DIFFRACTION GRATING OF
THE DIFFRACTION ELEMENT : Attorney Docket No. 2004_0540A

RESPONSE TO ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated March 14, 2006, enclosed herewith is a copy of the claims including their status identifiers.

Respectfully submitted,

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